

University of Exeter Medical School

BMBS Medicine

Admissions Policy

2025 entry

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1. Governance/Entrance Requirements

The Faculty of Health and Life Sciences Recruitment and Admissions Group (HLS RAG) will operate in relation to admissions to the BMBS programme, and reports from the Group will be made available to the Admissions Policy Group (APG). The HLS Recruitment and Admissions Group will be chaired by the DPVC for the Faculty of Health and Life Sciences with representation from relevant academic leads, central admissions, and Faculty Professional Services staff. This policy was ratified by APG on Tuesday 14th May 2024.

Typical offer

A*AA, to include grade A in Biology and Chemistry, excluding general studies.

IB:38 or 7,6,6 in Higher Levels, to include Higher Level grade 6 in Biology and Chemistry.

Access 30 L3 credits at Distinction Grade and 15 L3 credits at Merit Grade, to include 15 L3 credits at Distinction Grade in Biology subject area and 15 L3 credits at Distinction Grade in Chemistry subject area.

Contextual Offer

AAB, to include grade A in Biology and Chemistry, excluding general studies.

IB 34 6,6,5 in Higher Levels, to include Higher Level grade 6 in Biology and Chemistry.

Required subjects

GCE AL Biology/Human Biology and Chemistry or equivalent.

English Language

GCSE English Language grade B/6.

International students need to show they have the required level of English language to study this course. The required test scores for this course fall under **Profile G**. Please visit our [English language requirements page](#) to view the required test scores and equivalencies from your country.

Please note meeting the typical offer range does not guarantee being shortlisted for an interview.

2. Direct School Leavers

Definition:

Those who will enter the BMBS programme no more than two full academic years after completing their level 3 (A level or equivalent) studies. Direct School Leavers are required to sit the UCAT test.

In order to help the institution make progress towards its agreed Widening Participation targets with the Office for Students, and to ensure appropriate diversity within the BMBS programme, HLS will adhere to the University of Exeter policy for making contextualised offers. For further details please visit <http://www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate/entryrequirements/contextual/>

2.1. Process:

- 2.1.1. Candidates should submit UCAS application form by 15 October and sit UCAT test by the published deadline. Candidates are required to sit the test by 26 September 2024 if they are intending to apply for entry in 2025 (or deferred entry in 2026). UCAT results cannot be carried over from one year to the next.

Candidates who present themselves for the UCAT are declaring themselves fit to take the test. Candidates not fit to take the test due to illness or other personal circumstances must reschedule their test to a later date, even if this means losing the test fee.

Candidates may be unable to sit the UCAT throughout the 2024 test cycle because of a significant or unforeseen medical or personal issue. If this is the case, they should contact Exeter to see whether we can consider their application without a UCAT result. We will require recent supporting medical evidence as part of the process.

- 2.1.2. Assessment of academic credentials (achieved or predicted) are made by Admissions Staff based on information provided in the UCAS application form. Personal statements and references are NOT read for evidence of mitigating circumstances.
- 2.1.3. If you have experienced or are currently experiencing issues which you believe have impacted your studies or exams, we ask that you complete our online Extenuating Circumstances form <https://www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate/applying/afteryouapply/extenuatingcircumstances/>

You **MUST** submit the extenuating circumstances form **no later than the 31st of October 2024** for this to be taken into consideration prior to interview selection decisions being made.

- 2.1.4. Applicants who meet the published entry requirements¹ will have their UCAT and Academic qualifications weighted to assign an Exeter score. Weightings will be at a ratio of 3:1 Academic achievement /UCAT.

How does the Exeter Score work?

- Applicants are awarded an Exeter Score out of 90.
- Applicants with achieved grades will be awarded an uplift of 10 points.

¹ All subject/extra conditions must also be met (see [Medicine BMBS | Undergraduate Study | University of Exeter](#))

² For details on contextual offers see [What is a contextual offer? | Undergraduate Study | University of Exeter](#)

- WP² applicants who are eligible for a contextual offer will be awarded an uplift of 5 points.

The maximum scores available for category group are as follows:

- Predicted grades & non-WP Maximum score 90.
- Predicted grades & WP Maximum score 95.
- Achieved grades & non-WP Maximum score 100.
- Achieved grades & WP Maximum score 105.

The below tables show the Exeter score for each group of applicants based on their decile and grade combination. The Exeter score decreases by 10 for each grade drop, and 4 per UCAT decile.

Table 1 – Applicants with predicted grades and not eligible for a WP contextual offer.

UCAT Decile	A*A*A*	A*A*A	A*AA	AAA	AAB	ABB	BBB	BBC
9 th	90	80	70	60	50	40	30	20
8 th	86	76	66	56	46	36	26	16
7 th	82	70	62	52	42	32	22	12
6 th	78	68	58	48	38	28	18	8
5 th	74	64	54	44	34	21	14	04
4 th	70	60	50	40	30	20	10	0
3 rd	66	56	46	36	26	16	6	0
2 nd	62	52	42	32	22	12	2	0
1 st	58	48	38	28	18	8	0	0

Table 2 – Applicants with predicted grades and eligible for a WP contextual offer.

UCAT Decile	A*A*A*	A*A*A	A*AA	AAA	AAB	ABB	BBB	BBC
9 th	95	85	75	65	55	45	35	25
8 th	91	81	71	61	51	41	31	21
7 th	87	76	66	56	46	36	26	16
6 th	83	73	63	53	43	33	23	13
5 th	79	69	59	49	39	29	19	9
4 th	75	65	55	45	35	25	15	5
3 rd	71	61	51	41	31	21	11	1
2 nd	67	57	47	37	27	17	7	0
1 st	63	53	43	23	13	3	0	0

² For details on contextual offers see [What is a contextual offer? | Undergraduate Study | University of Exeter](#)

Table 3 – Applicants with achieved grades and not eligible for a WP contextual offer.

UCAT Decile	A*A*A*	A*A*A	A*AA	AAA	AAB	ABB	BBB	BBC
9 th	100	90	80	70	60	50	40	30
8 th	96	86	76	66	56	46	36	26
7 th	92	82	72	62	52	42	32	22
6 th	88	78	68	58	48	38	28	18
5 th	84	74	64	54	44	34	24	14
4 th	80	70	60	50	40	30	20	10
3 rd	76	66	56	46	36	26	16	6
2 nd	72	62	52	42	32	22	12	2
1 st	68	58	48	38	28	18	8	0

Table 4 – Applicants with achieved grades and eligible for a WP contextual offer.

UCAT Decile	A*A*A*	A*A*A	A*AA	AAA	AAB	ABB	BBB	BBC
9 th	105	95	85	75	65	55	45	35
8 th	101	91	81	71	61	51	41	31
7 th	97	87	77	67	57	47	37	27
6 th	93	83	73	63	53	43	33	23
5 th	89	79	69	59	49	39	29	19
4 th	85	75	65	55	45	35	25	15
3 rd	81	71	61	51	41	31	21	11
2 nd	77	67	57	47	37	27	17	7
1 st	67	57	47	37	27	17	7	0

- 2.1.5. For the BMBS (A100) programme, changes in predicted grades due to an error when the grades were entered will only be considered if received within 14 days of the equal consideration deadline. This year that will mean changes in predicted grades due to error will only be considered if emailed and received by 31 October 2024.
- 2.1.6. Where an error in predicted grades comes to light after this date, if it results in the applicant's Exeter score meeting the cut-off for an invite to interview, they will be placed on a reserve list and invited to interview if places become available. Please note that this policy applies to errors in predicted grades only – all other reasons for a change in predicted grades will not be considered.
- 2.1.7. All Home applicants will be ranked and the highest ranked will be selected for interview. We anticipate that we will be able to interview approximately 700 applicants in total.

The defined number of international applicants invited to interview, and the cut-off score used may differ due to the proportion of international applications received and the need to keep to a separate quota.

We have 10 places available for international students on our medicine programme. These places equate to approximately 30 interview places.

- 2.1.8. Interviews are held and judgements recorded based on the outcome of a Multiple Mini Interviews (MMI).
- 2.1.9. A defined number of offers will be made to those who have been deemed suitable by the interview panel to receive an offer, based on interview. If it is the case that there are a high number of applicants within the eligible pool for offers, the UCAT Score may be used again to decide which candidates will receive an offer, up to the maximum number we have set.
- 2.1.10. Applicants selected for an offer, will receive an offer to achieve A*AA including a grade A in Biology and Chemistry. For applicants who meet the criteria outlined within our contextual offer making policy an offer to achieve AAB including a grade A in Biology and Chemistry will be made. Those with already achieved grades must have achieved at this level, including subject requirements.
- 2.1.11. Offers will also be made conditional on non-academic requirements (i.e. DBS, student agreement, Occupational Health Screening). Where appropriate, applicants may also be required to achieve the required level of English Language.

3. Non-Direct School Leavers

Definition: Those for whom it will be more than two full academic years from the time they completed their level 3 (A level or equivalent) studies. This includes all graduate applicants. Non-Direct School Leavers are required to sit the GAMSAT test.

We welcome applicants who are not applying directly from school. The use of GAMSAT allows us to compare students from diverse backgrounds and whose first degrees (if applicable) are not science-based and who may not have done Chemistry or Biology at A level (or equivalent). The GAMSAT cut off score will therefore vary each year dependent of the number of applications received.

In order to help the institution make progress towards its agreed Widening Participation targets with the Office for Students, and to ensure appropriate diversity within the BMBS programme, HLS will adhere to the University of Exeter policy for making contextualised offers. For further details please visit <http://www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate/entryrequirements/contextual/>

3.1. Process:

- 3.1.1. Candidates should submit their UCAS application form by 15 October 2024 and sit the GAMSAT test. GAMSAT scores are valid for two years, so results from March 2023, September 2023, March 2024 and September 2024 are valid for applications for 2025 entry. Results from March 2024 and September 2024 are valid for deferred entry in 2026.
- 3.1.2. Personal statements and references are NOT read for evidence of mitigating circumstances.

If you have experienced or are currently experiencing issues which you believe have impacted on your studies or exams, we ask that you complete our online Extenuating Circumstances form <https://www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate/applying/afteryouapply/extenuatingcircumstances/>

You **MUST** submit the extenuating circumstances form **no later than the 29th of October 2024** in order for this to be taken into consideration prior to interview selection decisions being made.

3.1.3. Applicants will be awarded an Exeter Score pertaining to their GAMSAT Score.

How does the Exeter Score work?

- GAMSAT applicants are awarded an Exeter Score out of 100.
- WP applicants who meet our contextual offer criteria will be awarded an uplift of 5 points.

The below tables show the Exeter score for each group.

Table 1 – Applicants with achieved GAMSAT Scores and do not meet WP Contextual offer criteria.

GAMSAT Score	Exeter Score	GAMSAT Score	Exeter Score	GAMSAT Score	Exeter Score
70 or more	100	60	80	50	60
69	98	59	78	49	58
68	96	58	76	48	56
67	94	57	74	47	54
66	92	56	72	46	52
65	90	55	70	45	50
64	88	54	68	44	48
63	86	53	66	43	46
62	84	52	64	42	44
61	82	51	62	41	42
				40 or less	0

Table 2 – Applicants with achieved GAMSAT Scores and meet WP Contextual offer criteria.

GAMSAT Score	Exeter Score	GAMSAT Score	Exeter Score	GAMSAT Score	Exeter Score
70 or more	105	60	85	50	65
69	103	59	83	49	63
68	101	58	81	48	61
67	99	57	79	47	59
66	97	56	77	46	57
65	95	55	75	45	55
64	93	54	73	44	53
63	91	53	71	43	51
62	89	52	69	42	49
61	87	51	67	41	47
				40 or less	0

- 3.1.4. All Home applicants, across both categories, will be ranked and the highest ranked will be selected for interview. We anticipate that we will be in a position to interview approximately 700 applicants in total.
- 3.1.5. Interviews are held and judgements recorded based on the outcome of Multiple Mini Interviews. This is managed at Department level.
- 3.1.6. A defined number of offers will be made to those who have been deemed suitable by the interview panel to receive an offer, based on interview. If it is the case that there are a high number of applicants within the eligible pool for offers, with the same Exeter Score, the GAMSAT Score may be used again to decide which candidates will receive an offer, up to the maximum number of offers we have remaining.
- 3.1.7. Offers will be made conditional on non-academic requirements (i.e. DBS, student agreement, Occupational Health Screening). Where appropriate, applicants may also be required to achieve the required level of English Language.

4. BSc Medical Sciences, BSc Neuroscience or BSc Biomedical Sciences graduates

- 4.1. Candidates should submit UCAS application form by 15 October (no requirement for UCAT or GAMSAT tests).
- 4.2. All applicants in their final year of study on either the BSc/MSci (Hons) Medical Sciences, BSc Neuroscience or BSc Biomedical Sciences courses at the University of Exeter, who are predicted to achieve a 2:1 or First-Class honours degree and wish to be considered will be shortlisted for interview. All applicants must declare any professionalism issues throughout their degree. Each individual case will be reviewed by a panel to decide on whether an interview can be offered, and applicants may be asked to submit additional evidence and supporting documents. Interviews are held and judgements recorded. Interviewers assess each interviewee and provide a 'global judgement' answering the question: "Has this candidate demonstrated the qualities (i.e. attitude, behaviours, and values) to be offered a place to train as a doctor at Exeter Medical School?" This will reflect the same process as for the Direct School Leaver group.
- 4.3. A defined number of offers made to those who are judged suitable to be made an offer, using the same process as for the Direct School Leaver Group.

5. Reserve List

- 5.1. Following interviews a defined number of applicants may be offered a place on the reserve list.
- 5.2. Applicants will be contacted offering them the opportunity to be placed on the reserve list and will be required to confirm whether they wish to accept this place.
- 5.3. Applicants on the reserve list will be required to complete the Occupational Health, Student Agreement and Self-Declaration form in advance of the summer.
- 5.4. Applicants will be advised that they will be required to contact the University once the A 'level results have been released in order to find out whether any places have become available.
- 5.5. Applicants who successfully gain a place through the reserve list will then be required to complete the DBS process.
- 5.6. A place on the reserve list does not imply, suggest, or guarantee that a formal offer of a place can or will be made as this is subject to capacity in any given year.

6 Transfer students

- 6.1 Applications from candidates currently enrolled in UK Medical Schools will be considered for entry on to Year 1 – 4 of the BMBS programme. Only Home candidates will be considered. International students enrolled in UK Medical Schools will not be eligible.
- 6.2 Applicants who have previously failed any part of a medical programme or have been excluded from a medicine programme according to Fitness to Practice policies at the University of Exeter or any other institution, will not be considered for the BMBS programme. Any declaration of extenuating circumstance should be referred to the University of Exeter Medical School for initial consideration. A final decision shall lie with the Recruitment and Admissions Group (RAG).
- 6.3 Initial enquiries requesting transfer on to any year of the programme will be managed by the HLS Student Recruitment and Admissions team. Enquirers will be asked to provide a personal statement outlining the reason for transfer as well as scanned copies of transcripts covering all years of study on their current medicine programme. The following steps shall then apply:
1. Upon receipt of scanned transcripts, HLS Student Recruitment and Admissions Manager (SRAM) to liaise with Head of Admissions at the stated Medical School to verify the authenticity of transcripts.
 2. UoE Fitness to Practice Lead and CMH Director of BMBS Admissions to review the Medical School Council's (MSC) Excluded Students Database to confirm candidate is not listed.
 3. Once transcripts and Database have been verified and confirmed to be valid, personal statement and enquiry details to be sent to Associate Dean of Education and Clinical Director of Medicine for confirmation that a transfer, to a particular year of study, can be achieved. If approved, a meeting with either of the aforementioned to be arranged by SRAM.
 4. Following face to face meeting, if approved for entry, conditions of entry to be outlined to SRAM who will liaise with Undergraduate Admissions team to advise and discuss a date for UCAS to be opened so that an application can be submitted.
 5. Application window to be communicated to candidate.
 6. Offer conditions officially outlined by UG team following receipt of UCAS application.

Further information outlining how information may be shared between the University and third party can be found here: <https://www.exeter.ac.uk/privacy/applicants/>